## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SIERRA



In the Matter of

2018-2019 Sierra County Grand Jury

MINUTE ORDER

## HONORABLE CHARLES H. ERVIN, JUDGE PRESIDING

The County Clerk is hereby directed to file **The City of Loyalton Response to the Sierra County Grand Jury 2018-2019 Final Report**, attached hereto.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order entered on the minutes of said Superior Court of the State of California, County of Sierra, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2019.

**ATTEST** my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Sierra, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2019.

SIERRA SUPERIOR COURT

Clerk

cc: Heather Foster Sierra County Clerk Courthouse Downieville, CA 95936

## CITY OF LOYALTON

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

To: The Honorable Charles H. Ervin, Judge Presiding and the 2018-2019 Sierra County Grand Jury

Regarding: The City of Loyalton Response to the 2018-2019 Sierra County Grand Jury Report

The City of Loyalton would like to the thank the Grand Jury members for their service to Sierra County over the past year and take this opportunity to respond to the 2018-2019 Sierra County Grand Jury Report, Chapter 2: City Government.

First, in response to Grand Jury, it should be noted that a new City Council was elected and seated half way through the Fiscal Year with the election resulting in two council members remaining on the Council and three council members being added to the Council. December 2018 is the first time in several years the City Council has operated with a full 5 members.

Next, the current City Council has been working through a backlog of items including by not limited to reviewing and updating policies, procedures, and ordinances. The City is looking into appropriate employee training as needed for each job description. It is also reviewing inventory and functionality of equipment and supplies, moving to surplus excess or unused equipment as well as repairing or replacing non-functional or partially functional equipment.

In addition, the City would like to assure the Grand Jury and the public that the Council is fully compliant with State mandated Ethics Training (AB1234) and that all City Council members have completed the "Local Officials Ethics Training Course" offered by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Lastly, The City recognizes that a portion of the City residents have voiced their opinions on the benefits of disincorporation of the City of Loyalton. The City will commit to begin holding Town Hall meetings to determine if the voter base of Loyalton would like the City officials to further pursue this option. It is the understanding of the current City Council members that there are many steps to this process including but not limited to: meetings with the County, meetings with LAFCO, placement on a general election ballot, formation of a water and sewer services district, consideration of pensions and many other steps. This is not something that can be completed in less than 6 months without doing a grave disservice to the residents and businesses of the City of Loyalton.

## Respectfully Submitted,

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